

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

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Subject: Health Care; Health Department; Health, Public; Medical Procedures and Personnel
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
General Revenue	(\$69,019)	(\$79,466)	(\$81,505)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(\$69,019)	(\$79,466)	(\$81,505)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol**, the **Department of Corrections**, and the **Department of Social Services** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DES) officials assume one supervisor would be required to implement an effective written exposure control plan, update the plan when necessary, and record information in the form prescribed by the Department of Health.

Oversight assumes these additional duties could be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Department of Health (DOH)** state that one Consultant Community Health Nurse (CCHN) would be required to establish the DOH program, to develop for adoption a blood-borne pathogen standard governing occupational exposure of public employees to blood and other potentially infectious materials, and to develop the department's written exposure control plan. The CCHN would be responsible for collecting and recording the required data on exposure incidents in the sharps injury log, assessing engineering, administrative, or work practice controls to prevent such incidents/injuries, to train department staff, and lead the evaluation committee. The CCHN would develop additional measures to prevent sharps injuries or exposure incidents, compile and maintain a list of needleless systems and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection, and prepare the annual report on the use of needle safety technology as a means of reducing needlestick injuries and to place the report on the Department's internet site.

Department of Public Safety officials did not respond to our fiscal impact request .

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Costs - Department of Health

Personal services (1 FTE)	(\$41,974)	(\$51,628)	(\$52,918)
Fringe benefits	(\$13,990)	(\$17,208)	(\$17,638)
Expense and equipment	(\$13,055)	(\$10,630)	(\$10,949)
Total <u>Costs</u> - Department of Health	<u>(\$69,019)</u>	<u>(\$79,466)</u>	<u>(\$81,505)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$69,019)</u>	<u>(\$79,466)</u>	<u>(\$81,505)</u>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2003	 FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would require the Department of Health to adopt a blood-borne pathogen standard governing the occupational exposure of public employees to blood and other infectious materials. The proposal would: (1) require the department to develop a standard that would as prescriptive as the standard developed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The standard would be adopted no later than 6 months after the proposal's passage. The requirements for the standard would be specify; (2) define terms, including "public employee," "blood-borne pathogens," "sharps injury," "engineered sharps injury protection," and "needleless system"; (3) require that an effective written exposure control plan contain a provision which ensures that all frontline health care workers would be trained in the use of all engineering controls; (4) require the establishment of an evaluation committee and specify the members and duties of the committee; (5) require the department to consider additional measures to prevent exposure injuries. The department would also be required to compile and maintain a list of needleless systems and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection; (6) require the department to issue an annual report on the use of needle safety technology to the Governor, State Auditor, President Pro Tem of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Technical Advisory Committee on the Quality of Patient Care and Nursing Practices by February 1 of each year. The report would be available to the public on the department's web site by February 15 of each year; and (7) contain a penalty provision which subjects an employer to a reduction or loss in state funding for violating provisions of the proposal.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health
Department of Mental Health
Department of Corrections
Department of Social Services
Department of Public Safety
Missouri State Highway Patrol
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

NOT RESPONDING: Department of Public Safety

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a cursive "e" at the end.

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Director

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